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THE TELEPHONE RATES.

Formal demand has been laid before the New York Public Service Commission for a revision and general reduction of telephone rates. An investigator who has made detailed study has laid data before the commission, showing that a reduction of 25 per cent could and should be made; the earnings of the New York company fully justify it.

If that is true of New York, it surely is of Washington. This town pays more for telephone use, on the average, than any comparable community in the country. The adjustment of charges is altogether bad.

Just why the telephone monopoly has had so little attention in Washington in recent years is difficult to understand. There is no one of our fat local franchise-holding concerns that needs inquiry more than this very one.

A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.

The director of the census, Mr. Durand, recommends to Congress that when the next enumeration is taken, the rural mail carriers be given the work of gathering data in the country. He points out that they are eminently equipped for the service, and that it is a natural and sensible co-operation between departments of the Government.

Merely to suggest this idea is to carry conviction that it is exactly the right one. If the rural carriers are not competent to do the census work, then they are incompetent to perform the work now entrusted to them. If they are competent for the census work, it is sheer folly to enlist an army of new people in each census year to do it.

Mr. Durand has submitted a proposal that illustrates how co-operation and correlation among various divisions and functions of the Government would both improve its service and decrease its cost.

A VILE SYSTEM EXPOSED.

Mayor Gaynor's oft-repeated assertion that New York is the cleanest of all the big cities is completely disproved by the further revelations in confessions made by members of the police force.

The Becker case, with its revelations of protected gamblers and gunmen, only scratched the surface of the graft system that manifestly has demoralized the metropolis. One precinct alone, and that one of the "leanest" in Manhattan, is said to yield not less than \$50,000 a year to the grafters, high and low; and in addition to the protection bought by disreputable resorts there is said to be an excise rake-off supervised by authorities "down town." This may be either police headquarters or the local political headquarters or both—probably both. It is absurd to assume that the graft system has flourished without the connivance of political bosses.

Becker was a lieutenant. The men now under suspension are captains and an inspector. But there must be men higher up. The rottenness of the system is exposed and it is tottering to its destruction. District Attorney Whitman's activity continues to do the dirty work emanating from police headquarters and city hall. What evidence he has should send more than one high police official to prison. The new evidence leads straight to Tammany itself.

Fortunately the principal city in the country has one prominent public official who is vigilant and unafraid. He can accomplish much in the way of exposure and punishment. But so long as the State permits the sale of vice, the corruption will go on.

MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE AMALGAMATION IDEA.

Here is a resolution which is printed just as it was sent out:

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank A. Munsey in his newspapers and magazines has seen fit to agitate the amalgamation of the Progressive and Republican parties;

AND WHEREAS, it is the sense of the National Progressive Club of Westbury, N. Y., that amalgamation will do more harm than good to the principles of the Progressive party advocates, be it

RESOLVED, That the National Progressive Party of Westbury, N. Y., in assembly at its regular meeting, January 20th, 1913, go on record as being opposed to any amalgamation or other proposition that might result in the ultimate union with the Republican party.

Do the gentlemen who have sent out this resolution understand what it is that Mr. Munsey advocates in the way of amalgamation of the Progressive and Republican parties? He has never said and does not think the Progressive party could be taken over to the Republican party; it couldn't be. Nor does he think the Republican party could be taken over to the Progressive party; it couldn't be. There is no possibility of merging the Progressive party into the Republican party or the Republican party into the Progressive party. That is one thing that neither side will ever listen to.

What Mr. Munsey has suggested is that since the Progressive party will not go to the Republican party, and since the Republican party will not go to the Progressive party, the progressive members of both those parties send delegates to a convention to see whether they cannot meet at some point and agree upon principles and policies for which they can act together, with a big chance to be successful at carrying them out.

This suggestion of Mr. Munsey looks to us like a common-sense, business proposition that would get

the progressive voters of both the Progressive party and the Republican party somewhere with their programs. It looks the same to many others who cannot see any progressive future without some such plan to make success possible. If the gentlemen who pass and sign such resolutions as the foregoing have a better program to get the progressive voters of both parties together, will they not explain what it is for the information of those who agree with Mr. Munsey?

Mr. Munsey had a great deal to do with the formation of the Progressive party. He took a very active part in aiding the Progressive campaign. He thinks it ought to be made possible for the progressive element of the Republican party to come into harmonious relations with the Progressive party, so that there will be voters enough in the combination to accomplish something at the polls.

Before they can do anything with the government Progressives have got to win elections. Mr. Munsey has very clearly explained a way he thinks they can get the voters to do this. Progressives who take exception to his way might do well to explain what they have to offer as a better plan.

THE VICTORY OF THE "DRYS."

It was precisely as The Times had forecast, when the bill for regulation of interstate shipment of liquor from "wet" to "dry" territory got before the House. It passed, unamended, by a vote of almost four to one.

The measure as passed is not identical with the one that had previously been approved by the Senate. It is to be hoped that the upper chamber will see fit to accept the House measure, so that conference may be avoided. There would be altogether too much justification of charges of bad faith which were freely indulged on the House floor yesterday, if after this bitter fight the legislation should finally fail.

For many years the interstate commerce clause has stood, like a burly Federal policeman, over the efforts of the States to control the liquor traffic, actually preventing them from dealing effectively with the subject in their own way. Long ago Congress passed law to give the States necessary authority over interstate shipments of liquors, but the courts found it abhorrent to the Constitution. Even now there is uncertainty whether the measure will stand the test of the courts. If it does not, then as promptly as possible another bill should be framed and passed with the purpose of meeting whatever constitutional objection may this time be raised.

Just such cases as this are more and more frequently demonstrating the impossibility of effective government under a system of divided jurisdiction. Whether it be quarantine, control of water powers, regulation of corporations or management of liquor traffic, the same issue is always present for the constitutional sharps to haggle about: the thing that some special interest doesn't want, is certain to be unconstitutional. In the end there will be only one solution of this difficulty. It will be found in amendment of the Constitution that will establish one jurisdiction over commerce, as broad and inclusive and unified as is modern commerce itself.

TREASURY AND THE BANKS.

The explanations which Secretary MacVeagh and Assistant Secretary Bailey, of the Treasury, have offered in answer to sensational allegations by Rudolph Spreckels, seem to be entirely satisfactory. Unless there is something more behind the recent shift in Government depositaries than either Mr. Spreckels or the Treasury people have made clear, there is certainly no ground for suspicion that a vicious motive promoted the change.

It is a serious thing to charge that an outgoing Administration would deliberately juggle the national financial power with the purpose of embarrassing an incoming one. On the face of statements to this time, it appears that the Treasury has been moving to increase the efficiency of its own operations, and that there is no danger of the relations between the treasuries and the deposit banks being used to precipitate financial difficulties.

MR. TAFT'S WARNING.

It is regrettable that President Taft could not have demonstrated the courage of his convictions early in his Administration, when his convictions were on the right side, as vigorously as he does now, when they are on the wrong side.

In his address at the University Club last evening the President warned his hearers against the tendencies of the times; against progressivism, without regard to party. "What I am referring to," he said, "is the threatened departure from the principles of sound democratic, constitutional, representative government."

It requires courage for a man of the President's intelligence to insist that a movement TOWARD sound principles, so overwhelmingly backed as that movement now is in this nation, is a movement AWAY FROM those principles. The President is entitled to credit for sincerity; he must believe the tendency is dangerous; and to say it thus publicly, when the country almost unanimously has decided against him, is decidedly courageous.

If President Taft had had that sort of courage when, at the outset of his Administration, he sincerely believed that Cannon ought to be unseated, and had gone through with the fight he started against Cannon and Cannonism, he would have made himself the strongest man in the land.

If, at a time when he was still proclaiming his demand for an honest revision of the tariff, he had the courage to stick by his demand and use his power and prestige to get it, he would have made himself absolutely unbeatable before the country.

Mr. Taft is a courageous enough man. It merely is his misfortune to set his courage and convictions at work when they are on the wrong side, and to suppress them when they are on the right side. For further illumination, see the election returns.

Knew the Best One.

Sister—I have decided that if you don't peek when Jack calls tonight I will take you to a moving picture show.

Lulu—Ay! Dat's better dan nany old picture show.

SECOND SERMON IN CAPITAL PREACHED BY DETROIT PASTOR

Rev. F. F. Cook, "Man With Message," Heard by Washington Temple Congregation Today.

Services of unusual interest are to be held by the Washington Temple Congregation this afternoon, when the Rev. F. F. Cook, of Detroit, who is called "The Man With a Heart Message for Humanity," will preach on "The Coming of the King." Dr. Cook made an unusual impression on the congregation last Sunday, and it was expected that the capacity of the hall in new Masonic Temple would be taxed this afternoon.

Dr. Cook is known, as a man of broad sympathies, who is no theorist with fancies of his own to exploit, but who, after careful study of the Bible, leads his hearers in the same path. He maintains that the Bible is harmonious in all its parts, and when rightly explained is a wonderful unfolding of the plans of the Great Architect, who has prepared marvelous things to be revealed at the coming of the Great King, Christ.

The Rev. John T. Enser will deliver a sermon in Calvary M. E. Church tonight on the subject of "Higher Levels." At the 11 o'clock service Dr. Enser preached on "The Wisdom of God."

Opens Crusade on Saloon. The sixth of a series of sermons on "If I Had My Life to Live Over Again" will be delivered tonight by the Rev. James Shera Montgomery at the Metropolitan M. E. Church. Dr. Montgomery has treated the subject from all points, in the series of sermons, in an entertaining and instructive manner. The particular subject to be treated tonight will be "The Graves of Buried Opportunities."

"The Christian" will be the subject of the sermon to be preached tonight in Hamline M. E. Church by the Rev. Joseph M. Gray. At the 11 o'clock service today the Rev. W. I. McDowell, D. D., District superintendent, delivered a sermon describing the work of Methodists in this diocese.

The Rev. S. Townsend Weaver will begin a war on the open saloon tonight, when he will preach a sermon on "The Crusade Against the Saloon" at Grace M. E. Church. The sermon will be illustrated by "Ten Nights in a Bar Room."

Taft's Physician to Lecture. Dr. Charles Barker, personal physician to the President, will deliver a lecture tonight in Ingram Memorial Church, on "The Gospel of Good Health." The lecture is one of a series of ten, which began January 29 and will continue until March 30.

"The Causes of Discontent" is the subject for the afternoon sermon at the Church of the Covenant by the Rev. Charles Wood. At 8 o'clock Dr. Wood will preach on "Self-Mastery." The Rev. Arthur Willis Spooner, pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, will preach tonight on "Making Sport of Despair." Next Sunday Dr. Spooner will deliver a sermon on "The Twentieth Century Woman: What of Her?"

The Rev. C. Everett Granger, D. D., pastor of Genton-Temple Memorial Church, will take as his subject at the service tonight, "The Church in the World." The sermon will be a consideration of Mr. Lamer's trumpet call. The subject for the morning service was "How Many Times Have You Been Born?"

Special Lenten Services. The first Sunday in Lent is marked with special services in St. Patrick's Church. Mr. W. T. Russell will deliver a sermon on "Divine Redemption" this evening. The text on which the sermon is based is "A General View of the Divine Plan of Redemption." Special services will be held every Sunday in Lent in St. Patrick's, at each of which subject relating to Lenten Church service will be discussed. Lenten services will also be held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Hebrew Association will be held in Pythian Temple next Sunday afternoon. Congressman Julius Kahn, Henry M. Goldfogel, Dr. Abraham Simon, Simon Wolf, and Isaac A. Hourwich will speak. The purpose of the meeting is to develop the Y. M. H. A. along the lines of the Young Men's Christian Association.

English Clergyman to Give Lectures Here on 'The Anglican Church'

Lectures on "The Anglican Church" will be delivered in the Columbia Theatre on Friday afternoons, February 14, 21 and 28, and March 14 by the Rev. E. Edmund Seymour, of England. The subjects of the lectures will be "The Claims of the Anglican Church," "The Validity of Anglican Orders," "The Authority of the Church," and "The Church Idea in Social Life."

The committee in charge of the course of lectures is composed of Mrs. Henry White, chairman, Mrs. William Church, Eustis, Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Mrs. E. Rollins Morse, Mrs. Richard Mulligan, Mrs. William Rivers, Mrs. George Vanderbilt and Miss Maude Wetmore.

Some Mosquitoes. Visitor—Are there many mosquitoes around here?

Farmer—Young man, that's a mighty hard question to answer. They're so big an' spy that you can't tell whether there's a whole lot or only a few. There ain't no time to count 'em.

To Be Exact.

Scott—Jones says that he cleared between five and six hundred on that stock deal of his. I wonder if it's so?

Mott—Oh, yes; he made between \$5 and \$60. The exact amount, I believe, was \$25.—Boston Transcript.

Outgoing and Incoming Secretary to the President



Charles D. Hillis Coaching Joseph Tumulty in Duties of Office.

TUMULTY GETS TIPS ON JOB FROM HILLIS

Secretary Gives Secretary-to-Be First Lesson on Aiding a President.

Joseph Tumulty, secretary to Governor Wilson, who on March 4, will succeed Charles D. Hillis as secretary to a President, took his first lesson yesterday. Mr. Hillis told Mr. Tumulty all he could tell him in the course of a two-hour conversation. Considering the fact that the secretary to the President holds one of the most important positions in the Government the lesson was not very long.

President Taft has had three secretaries, two of whom probably did as much to "put him in wrong" with the country at large as any other persons connected with the Administration. Secretary Hillis proved much more successful as a secretary than his predecessors. As a result of his good impression on the men he met during his two days' visit to Washington, and as the first appointee of Governor Wilson, is thought to preface the smooth entrance of a new Administration upon its duties.

While Secretary Hillis and Secretary-to-be Tumulty sat at Mr. Hillis' desk the photographers were busy making the first pictures of the two men together. They talked, handed papers to each other and carried on an animated conversation in secretarial style while the camera men were engaged.

James Hagan will be Mr. Tumulty's private secretary. As announced yesterday practically the entire clerical force in the Executive Offices will be retained. Mr. Tumulty said very frankly that he was not familiar with his duties, and that for a time he would have to depend upon the old force, which is thoroughly familiar with the way business is handled.

White House force, as a whole, is organized with a view to transacting public business accurately and with speed. As a result of political influence kept in the background most of the time, an efficient man being retained.

Blakely, owner of a car, was charged with a view to transacting public business accurately and with speed. As a result of political influence kept in the background most of the time, an efficient man being retained.

Denver Alderman Is Freed on Bond

DENVER, Col., Feb. 8.—James O'Driscoll, alderman from the Sixth ward, is at liberty today under a heavy bond, following his arrest on a warrant charging him with attempting to bribe A. A. Blakely, excise commissioner. Blakely swore O'Driscoll offered him \$500 if the fire and police board, of which Blakely is president, would issue a license for a saloon in a building that was owned by the alderman. O'Driscoll will be arraigned next week.

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General Wood, Grand Marshall, Will Review Parade at 21st Street

The inaugural parade will be reviewed at Twenty-first street and the Avenue by the grand marshal, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. The parade disburses at the point of the marshal's review. Solicitors are going the rounds of business men with a scheme of decorations, in red and white. The inaugural colors, however, are green and white.

DECLARE LORIMER IS HELPING LEWIS

Colonel "Jim Ham," Legislature Candidate, and Blonde Boss Have Pact, Is Charge.

Trouble for Col. "Jim Ham" Lewis, of Chicago, who aspires to the Senate in Illinois, has been stirred up because of a conference alleged to have been held between Lewis, former Senator William Lorimer, and William L. O'Connell, the Dunne campaign manager, who has been asked to manage the Lewis campaign.

Fire Causes \$60,000 Loss in Indiana Town

AUBURN, Ind., Feb. 8.—Fire destroyed an entire business block here last night and caused a loss to W. H. McCarty, owner of the building, of more than \$50,000, in addition to destroying the \$10,000 plant of the Auburn Daily and Weekly Courier, and that of the Double Fabric Tire Company, manufacturers of inner tires. The tire company's loss is placed at \$25,000.

STUDENTS WAR OVER FETE PLANS

George Washington Classmen Unable to Agree on Marshals of Parade.

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larged their militia delegations since the first plans were made. Georgia will have in line 1,200 men, from the First, Second, and Fifth Infantry. The Pennsylvania entries now indicate that about 2,500 men will parade.

New Jersey, it is expected, will send its entire militia organization, thus making the largest military representation of any State. Pennsylvania's troops will be selected as light cavalry, with Massachusetts third, and Virginia and Maryland following closely with 1,800 to 2,000 marchers.

Governors who have given definite promises to ride in the procession are those of Virginia, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, and Delaware.

The sale of tickets for the Lafayette square reviewing stands will be held Tuesday from the Bond building, Fourteenth street and New York avenue. The subcommittee on ambulance has decided to use between 500 and 600 Eddy cars as ambulances in the medical work. The scouts will be so placed that they can easily summon the twenty or more ambulances which will be stationed at congested points.

SCOUTS SAVE HOME FROM BRUSH FIRE

Boys' Arrival at Residence of William Miller, on Bunker Hill Road, Is Timely.

The practical value of the training of Boy Scouts was demonstrated yesterday when eleven members of Troop 13, Scouts of Washington, saved the residence of William Miller, on the Bunker Hill road, from being destroyed by a brush fire. The boys were on their weekly hike when they saw two men fighting the fire, which was gaining headway toward Mr. Miller's home.

At an order from the scoutmaster the boys deployed and began fighting the fire in the brush. After a stiff fight of half an hour, they got the flames under control when it was within one hundred yards of Mr. Miller's house. The owner of the house thanked the boys and wanted to reward them, but was informed that firemanhood is one of the things boy scouts are required to know and the scouts could not receive rewards for helping some one in distress.

The advisability of having a summer camp for the Boy Scouts will be discussed tomorrow afternoon by the executive committee of the local scout council in the office of Scout Commissioner Burn's Mill, and Chesapeake Beach are places under consideration. Assistant Scout Commissioner Wood has been looking over camp sites every Saturday for the last month and has picked out several excellent locations which will be considered.

The part to be taken in the inauguration of the boy scouts will also be discussed in the meeting of the executive committee tomorrow. It is expected that several thousand scouts will attend the inauguration, and it has been proposed that they form a first-aid-to-the-injured corps.

INITIAL CLUB RALLY OF DISTRICT WOMEN TO OCCUR SATURDAY

Federation to Hear Miss Cummings, of Alexandria, Speak on Subject, "Inspiration."

The first meeting of a series of club rallies planned for the spring season of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock in the oak room of the Raleigh Hotel. Mrs. William B. Andrews, president of the local federation and a director of the General Federation, will have charge of the meeting.

NEWSPAPER WOMAN TO TELL OF WORK

Miss Sophie Irene Loeb, of New York, Will Lecture Before Pen Women's League.

Miss Sophie Irene Loeb, a New York newspaper woman, will lecture Thursday evening before the League of American Pen Women at the Hamilton School for Girls, on Fifteenth street, on "The Work of a Woman." An address designed to show the possibilities of feminine efforts. Part of Miss Loeb's address will be devoted to her researches into the conduct of taxicab services in this country and abroad.

Miss Loeb is a campaigner against the taxicab service as now conducted in most cities. She asserts that unscrupulous drivers of hacks and taxicabs are aiding and abetting white slave dealers. Another part of her campaign is directed against private hack stand privileges on public streets.

For the use of public streets in New York city, taxicab companies pay \$100,000 annually, according to Miss Loeb. Miss Loeb's chief aim is to have private taxicab services replaced by public ones, which will serve the public at a nominal cost.

PORTO RICO GETS 16 POSTAL BANKS

Postmaster General Issues Orders for Extension of the Savings Service.

Sixteen postal savings banks are to be opened in Porto Rico at sixteen presidential postoffices of the island, immediately.

Postmaster General Hitchcock issued orders for extension of the service today. The Porto Rico banks will be the first in that colonial possession of the United States, the system having previously been confined to continental America.

It was found after extensive investigation that there was a need for such a savings system on the island, especially in the remote regions. For some time a practice of purchasing postal stamps had been resorted to on the island for savings purposes.

With a view of encouraging the use of the English language on the island, all blanks and certificates will be printed in English.

Concerts Tomorrow

By U. S. Marine Band Orchestra, at U. S. Barracks, 2 p. m.
WILLIAM H. SAMPLEMAN, Leader

PROGRAM:
March, "Manhattan Beach".....Souza
Overture, "Oberon".....Weber
Two movements from Ballet "Sylvia" Delibes (a) Pizzicato Polka.
(b) Valse Lente.
Excerpts from "The Dove of Peace".....Dvorak
Waltz, "Español".....Waldteufel
Scenes from "Madame Butterfly".....Puccini
Hungarian Dance No. 1, Kaler-Bucini

U. S. Soldiers' Home Band, Stanley Hall, at 3:30 o'clock.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director.
PROGRAM:
March, "My Maryland".....Myrland
Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....Suppe
Morocco, "The Nightingale Serenade".....Zimmermann
(Requested).
Selection, "Madame Butterfly".....Puccini
Popular Song, "When the Midnight Choo Choo Leaves for Alabama".....Berlin
Potpourri of "Harry Lauder's Songs".....Lauder
Finale, "On the Main Street".....Jorgensen
"The Star-Spangled Banner."